Ridley Tiger Cub

A Ridley Family Newsletter

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HEADMASTER'S MESSAGE

Greeting from the *Tiger Cub* on his inaugural issue! The miracles of modern technology enable us to bring you, on a pilot basis, news of Ridley in between issues of the school quarterly magazine **Ridley Tiger.** Intended for those closest to the current school, parents and local alumni, ***Tiger Cub*** is intended to highlight upcoming events of each term, as opposed to the more retrospective approach of the venerable **Tiger.**

First and foremost as we look ahead is **the new 2nd Century Building.** Full details follow in this issue, but suffice it to say that the building is roughly on schedule, already appears massive and magnificent, and will probably cost a little more than the $ 8 million "final figure" of the autumn! We all hope very much that the school will be able to use the building, or major portions of it, on schedule, next January, 1989. We will take advantage of the Christmas break to move in portable equipment from elsewhere. The 2nd Century campaign stands at over $ 12.2 million, with at least $ 1.4 to go by the end of calendar 1989.

New appointments for next year include **Mr. David Cosgrove**, formerly assistant-head of the Ridley Lower School, as **Director of the Middle School** (Gr. 5-8) at Ridley. The immense curricular and general organizational challenge of this new entity is necessitated by the moving of grade 9 into upper school to accord with Ontario curricular imperatives and the recommendations of the Long Range Planning Committee of the Borad of Governors. Mr. Cosgrove has the confidence of both faculty and students in undertaking to mould a lively and appealing programme for the majority day-student grades 5-8, drawing on the best of the current Gr. 5 Magnet Programme. Mr. Cosgrove will also be assuming the responsibility of Artistic Coordinator for the Mandeville Auditorium and Theatre portion of the new 2nd Century Building. With his directing experience both at Ridley and Press Theatre in St. Catharines, and his many contacts in the arts world of southern Ontario, he will be an ideal person to oversee the programmatic use of the theatre. He will be assisted, as **Director of Drama**, by a new appointment to the faculty **Mr. Colin Brezicki**, who will be joining the English Department in September. Mr. Brezicki, a former Canadian Rhodes Scholar at Oxford, has been on the faculty of Eastbourne School in England for the past 11 years.

Mr. Jon Silver, venerable housemaster of Skiddy's Castle (Merritt House) and Dean of Students will be moving to a new post, **Dean of Faculty**. With a faculty now numbering some 75, someone other than the headmaster and the director of academics must make a prime commitment to the recruitment, divestment, professional development and general care and nurturing of the men and women who make Ridley what it is today.

Replacing Mr. Silver as **Dean of Students** will be **Mr. Bob Snowden**, currently chairman of English and housemaster of Merritt South. In his four years at Ridley following on a highly successful tenure at Appleby and St. Michael's University School, Victoria, Mr. Snowden has impressed faculty and students with his probity, fairness and concern for students and their education. The only people regretting his appointment are denizens and parents of denizens of Merritt South, where he will relinquishing his housemastership with regret.

The deferred appointment of a **new chairman of Modern Languages** has been announced, effective September 1989 - a year hence. **Mr. Laurant Pattenotte**, a French citizen currently a resident in the U.S. will need a year to process his application for landed immigrant status. M. Patenotte has been teaching for the past two years at Philipps Exeter Academy, Exeter, New Hampshire, and prior to that, he taught at Harvard University, the University of Michigan, and Texas at Austin. From an Anglo-French family, M. Pattenotte also taught for a year at an English high school. For the last four summers, he has directed the intermediate level French program at the respected Middlebury College Summer Language Institute. For 1988-89, M. Aline Germain-Rutherford will be the interim coordinator for Modern Languages.

The preliminary budget for Ridley College in the school year 1988-89 has been struck by the board (to be adjusted to actual enrolment in September) at $ 8,488,350 revenue against $ 8,465,500, leaving $ 22,850 towards the deficit (currently $ 180,000). The budget is based on 576 fee-paying students, which will certainly be exceeded (this year saw 595 fee-paying students on opening day). Both fees and salaries are rising by 7%. This rise in tuition is less than at the overwhelming majority of Ridley's brother and sister schools. The Ridley College Foundation endowment will subsidize the education of next year's students to the tune of $ 755,753 from interest on the endowment, and the U.S. Ridley Scholarship Fund Inc. provides an additional $ 105,000 Cdn. This means that each Ridleian next year will be subsidized by the generosity of previous generations and benefactors to the tune of $ 1,500.

Plans for **the incorporation of grade 9 into upper school** next fall continue apace, as does planning for the use of space to be vacated for the new 2nd Century Building. A faculty committee chaired by Mrs. Janet Lewis is looking at the vacated space, and many scenarios have been considered. At present, nothing definitive has been decided, and the Property Committee of the Board has yet to have its say. But, featured in discussion have been such plans as: 1) a relocated and enlarged faculty common room and study area in the old art studio under the Library; archives and seminar rooms connected by a new stairway up into the Library from the former drawing room/dark room, ACTA area; 2) a combined school stores for athletics, books, stationary and incidentials as well as Momento sales in the old physics lab; 3) offices for Guidance and Academics, as well as coed common room and meeting space in the PAC; 4) Geography into the old science classrooms.

To incorporate grade 9 into upper school, **a new boys house for Gr. 9-13** students will be created **in the Leonard wing** of the current lower school complex. One flat of it will be fully renovated this summer. Next year, the Gr. 5-8 boy boarders (a maximum of 24) will be housed in the 3rd flat centre of the lower school complex, to be known for a time anyway, as Miller Dorms (after the 1st headmaster of Ridley). This area was renovated last summer from the former lower school dispensary and sewing room, for occupancy this year by Gr. 8-13 girls. The former lower school headmaster's house will become the quarters of **the new housemasters of Mandeville House, Mr. Michael and Mrs. Marion Hamilton.**

This spring we look forward to the traditional activities of **Ridley in its guise as No. 162 Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps,** Canada's largest cadet unit. Church Parade, on Sunday May 1, will be historic in that projected interior renovations to St. Thomas' Anglican Church will probably prevent seating of more than a token detachment of Ridleians after this year. Mr. Fred Mannix O.R. '60, honourary Lt. Colonel of the Calgary Scottish, will be the reviewing officer on Friday May 6 for Cadet Inspection. The Canadian Scholastic Rowing Championships ("Schoolboy") will be May 28-29, and Prize Day is June 11. In between will be a host of activities, ranging from the Lower School play, an adaption of *Oliver* in the PAC on April 8-9, through the biology field trip to Rhode Island April 20-25, to the Literary Dinner on May 17, the Graduation Dinner May 26, and Confirmation Sunday May 29. Two unusual events will be a meeting of heads and chairs of the board of The Conference of Independent Schools and the Canadian Educational Standards Institute, its accrediting and evaluation arm, on May 1 and 2. And, on Saturday May 14th, **the first-ever Ridley Grandparents Day,** designed to give a welcome tour to the campus for hale and hearty grandparents of current (or past!) Ridleians who are within striking range of the school. Something new for the young at heart! A formal invitation will be coming, via parents, soon - we hope you will pass it on.

Parents of graduating students (and parents of friends of graduates) should be aware that a committee of the graduating class is planning **post Prize Day social gatherings,** including, as last year, a Sunday celebration at a Muskoka resort. There will also probably be a Saturday evening party in Toronto. Parents should understand that the school does not sponsor or chaperone these functions. In the past few years the graduates have done a very responsible job of organization.. The Muskoka venue, with a dinner, dance and overnight stay with "no cars leaving the parking lot" is much safer than the Toronto hotel scene alternative. As usual, the School hopes that parents will not themselves sponsor any graduation celebrations prior to June 11. Parents with questions concerning the Grad should contact prefect Rob Coutts (day student-home during evenings 416-684-5542), or Nancy Ferriman (Gooderham West, evenings 416-641-9622), the coordinators for the graduating class.

And now, it is sad that my spring term has to begin with a trip away from the mud of A-Squad - to a Ridley Branch and 2nd Century kick-off at Lyford Cay in the Bahamas. I'm told they don't ride motorbikes there.

H. Jeremy Packard, Headmaster

Alumni Directory Questionnaires

The questionaires for the up-coming Alumni Directory are on their way to all alumns. Please fill these forms out and correct any of the information and return them in the envelopes provided. We can then accurately publish the most up-to-date information about the alumni body. Everyone's participation is of the **utmost importance** for an accurate listing. Alumni will be sorted in alphabetical order, geographical location and by class.This business tool and class-uniter will bring all your former friends from school back together. The books will be available for order in the spring of 1988.

Little Known Facts...

That the upper school has registered 7,567 students in the School's Official Register. On 16 September 1989, Norman N. Trenholme, age 14, registered as the first student of Bishop Ridley College. In January 1988, Richard J. Whittington became the 7,567th student to register.

A Sense of Tradition
- A Century of Ridley College
Memories 1889-1989

by

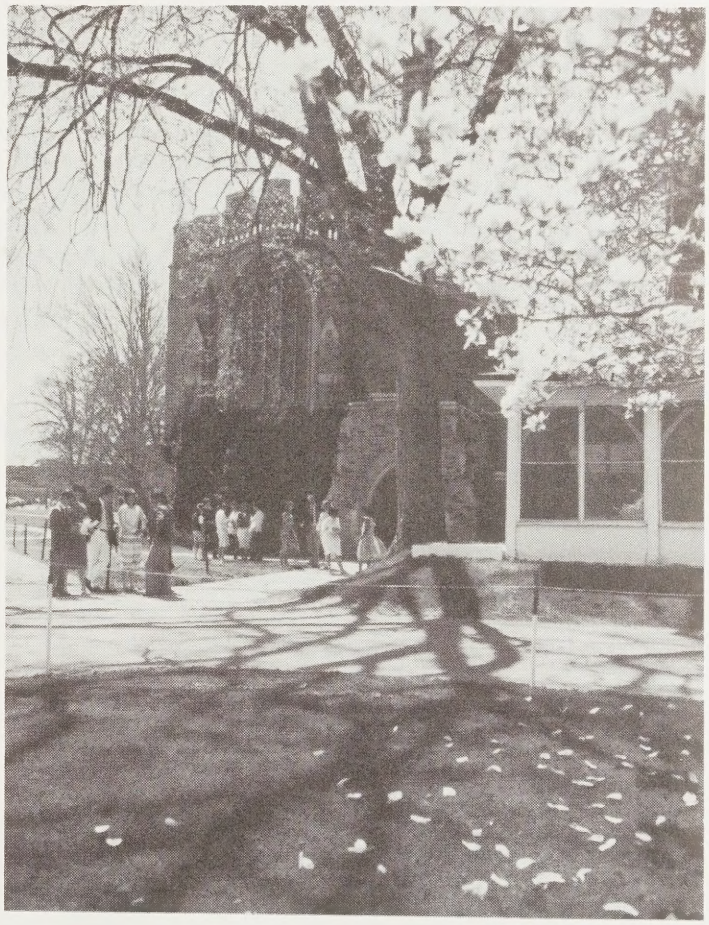
Peter Gzowski '52

This wonderful collection of stories, events, and tales from school will be available for pick-up or mailing on 11 June 1988 at Prize Day where the author will be in attendance for autographing. Don't miss this opportunity to have a true Ridley keep-sake.

Regular Edition	$ 60.00
Limited Numbered Edition	$ 275.00

Postage and handling is an additional charge for mailing in Canada and the United States, the charge is $ 5.00. Outside of Canada & U.S., the charge is $ 10.00.

Please do not call in your order, forward the order form to the School.



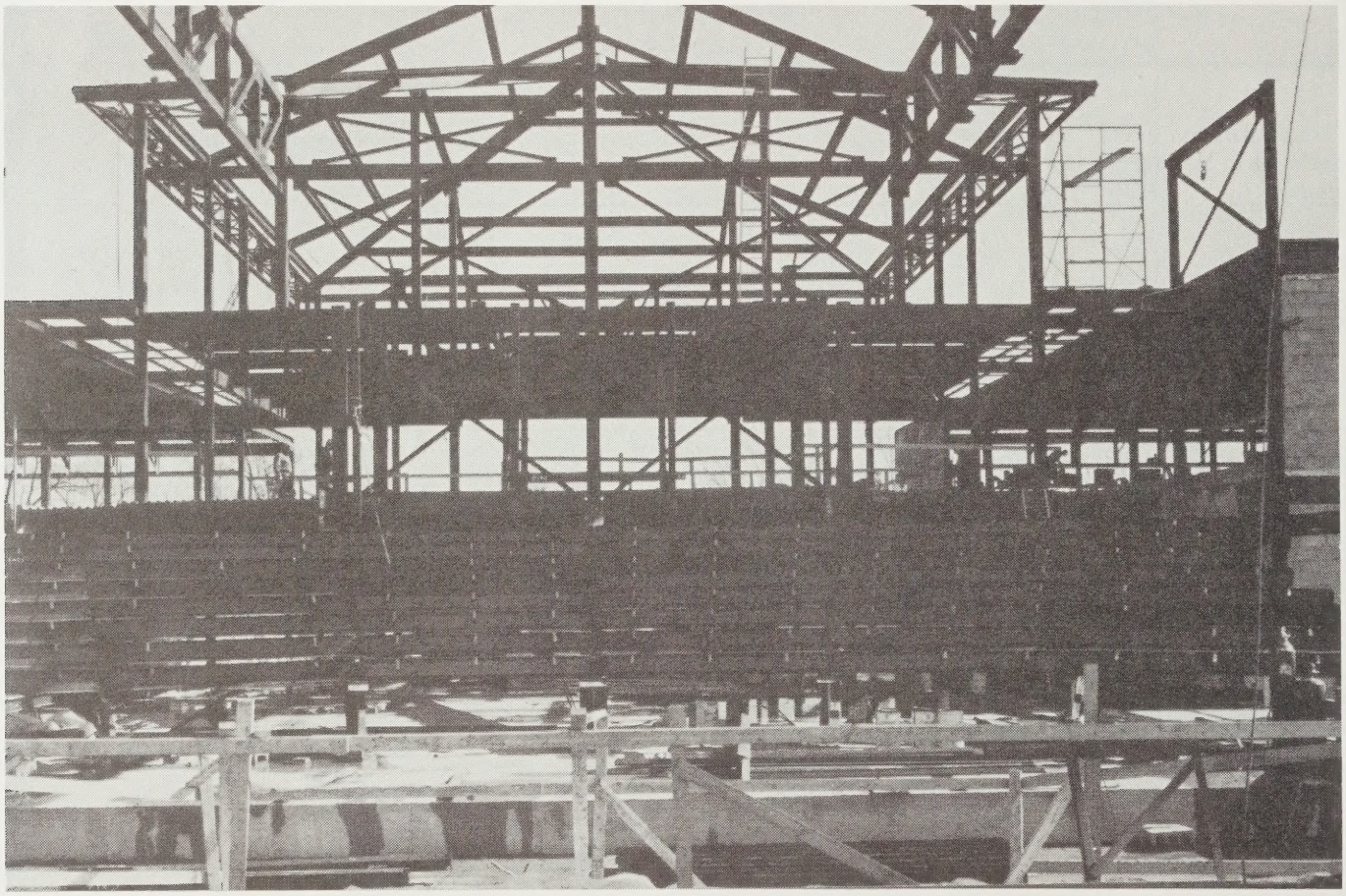
2ND CENTURY BUILDING COMING ALONG NICELY

The construction of the 2nd Century Building has progressed along very well with the warm spring conditions that have blessed the building site. The frost is slowly finding its way out of the ground and the mud is a child's dream.

The March Break has seen the most visible productivity in terms of changes to the physical structure. The masons have layed the walls on both the first and second floors which has practically enclosed the entire building. Les Andrew assures us that the masons have also been very busy in the area under the stage where the new Music Department practice rooms will be situated. The seating reinforcements for the theatre have been installed and the whole area is beginning to take shape. It will not be long before the "sounds of music" will be heard.

The final steel sections are being erected and the brick-work will commence as soon as that phase of the operation is completed. The mechanical and electrical duct work is awaiting the go-ahead from the masons, so that the wiring conduits can be brought in. The building is taking shape from all aspects of the construction.

The Donor Recognition Wall Committee has chosen an artist to construct the Donor Recognition Wall in the front lobby area. The wall is situated opposite to the front entrance to the building. Mr. Angelo di Peta was chosen by an artistic jury to create a piece of art that encompasses the names of significant donors to the 2nd Century Campaign.



Centre stage of the Mandeville Theatre and Auditorium looking east.

MARCH/APRIL/MAY/JUNE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		29 **Boarders Return**	30 Classes Begin	31 Winter Sports Award Dinner	1 **Good Friday**	2
3 **Easter**	4 Sr. Rugby vs Arnold	5 Faculty vs Ti-Cats Basketball Game	6 Grade 12 University Visit	7	8 Lower School Play-Oliver in P.A.C.	9 Lower School Play-Oliver in P.A.C.
10 Evensong 7:00 p.m.	11	12 Ridley Women's Guild Annual Luncheon	13	14	15 **Volunteer's Dinner** *Cabaret - PAC*	16 Art Trip-NYC *Cabaret - PAC*
17	18	19	20 Biology Trip Sr/Jr Rugby vs Saltfleet	21	22 **Half Term Break 12:30 p.m.** →	23
24 →	25 **Boarders Return** Sr/Jr Rugby vs Ancaster	26	27 Sr/Jr Rugby vs Guelph	28	29	30 Sr Rugby vs Old Boys **Cadet Ball**
1 Church Parade Early Bird Regatta	2 I & II Tennis vs Holy Trinity	3	4	5	6 **Guild Luncheons Cadet Inspection**	7
8 Mother's Day Regatta	9	10 Track-Zone 4 Oakes Park, Niagara Falls	11 Ist Cricket vs U.C.C.	12	13	14 **Grandparents Day** I/II Tennis vs T.C.S.
15	16	17 **Literary Dinner**	18 Ist Cricket vs L.C.S., Sr/Jr Rugby vs Crescent	19 Track-SOSSA Oakes Park, Niagara Falls	20 **Victoria Day Break 12:30 p.m.** →	21
22 →	23 **Boarders Return**	24 Track-OFSAA Regional Comp. Etobicoke Stad.	25 Ist Cricket vs S.A.C.	26 **Graduation Dinner**	27	28 C.S.S.R.A. Championship
29 C.S.S.R.A. Championship. Confirmation 7:30 p.m.	30	31	1 I/II Tennis, IstCricket,Sr Jr Rugby vs Appleby	2	3 Track-OFSAA Etobicoke Stad.	4 R.L.S. Sports Day, Track-OFSSA
5	6	7	8	9	10 U.S. Sports Day **Sports Banquet**	11 **Prize Day**

TERM CALENDAR

Ridley's Impressive Win at 2nd Ergatta

The students who devote their sports time in the weight and ergometer rooms have reason to be proud of their recent championship form at the Lakeport 2nd Annual Challenger Ergatta held in late February. Ridley was successful in winning the overall men's and women's division and placed third in the mixed competition.

Gold medal winners included Heather Daniel, Mark Riihiluoma, Maria Maunder, Abbey Majendie, Sandra Bourk and Pat McLoughlin. Silver medal winners were: Vanessa Wakil, Colin Chant and Peter Kaal. Bronze medals were awarded to Christie Wellenreiter, Chris Tanser and Peter Ventin.

The up-coming rowing season should hold great prospects for the Ridley crews preparing for the all important races that they prepare for all year. May 1 is the Early Bird Regatta, May 8 is the Mother's Day Regatta and May 28 & 29 is the "Schoolboy" Regatta.

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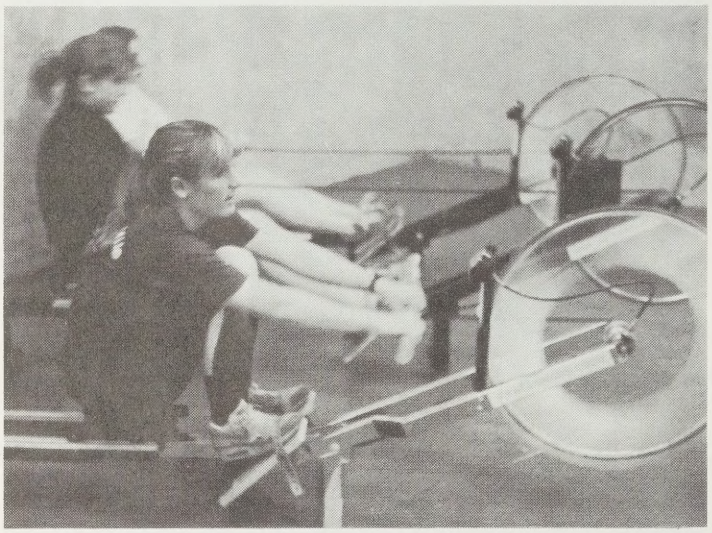

Heather Daniel working on the 'erg'.

Athletic Director Assists Princeton to Squash Title

Sandy Peters, Athletic Director of Ridley, has just returned from a sabatical leave with Princeton University. Mr. Peters assisted the Princeton athletic director and the squash coach in his leave from Ridley. Princeton won the National Championship in squash this year for the first time in 10 years! Two alumni of Ridley, **Derek Finkle** '86 and **Chris Stevens** '87, play for Princeton, but received their initial introduction to squash here at Ridley under the direction of Kerry Martin and Sandy Peters. Ridley extends its congratulations to Derek, Chris and Mr. Peters for an excellent season.

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